GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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Joint Military Exercise
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has conducted joint military exercises with other countries including the United States, Sri Lanka, China and Russia;

(b) if so, the details and the purpose / objectives of the said military exercises;

(c) the benefits likely to be achieved as a result thereof;

(d) whether the Indo-Sri Lankan joint military exercise in Indian Ocean was protested by certain sections in both the countries; and

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
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(a)to(c): Joint military exercise is an ongoing bilateral cooperation activity with friendly foreign countries including the United States, Sri Lanka, China and Russia for the purpose of building mutual trust and confidence and strengthening defence cooperation with the objective of upgrading skills and capabilities of our armed forces and also to get exposure to the best practices and advanced defence technology.
(d)&(e): The last bilateral naval exercise with Sri Lanka, Ex-SLINEX-15, was held at Trincomalee, Sri Lanka during October-November, 2015. No reports of protests have come to notice so far.
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